

Serial No. 10/048,197
Group Art Unit: 1645

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification on page 1 as follows. Below the title and immediately preceding paragraph 1, please insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of priority of PCT/EP 00/07365, filed on July 31, 2000 which claims priority based on UK 9918034.1, which was filed on July 30, 1999 and UK 9918036.6, which was filed on July 30, 1999, the contents of which are incorporated by reference in their entireties.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 27, 38, 43, and 44. The pending claims are listed in the attached:

Appendix A1: Pending claims (clean copy).

Appendix A2: Pending claims (redline copy).

Please enter any new claims or changes reflected in Appendix A1 and A2.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Applicants request that the Office amend the specification to add the Abstract of the Disclosure included in Appendix B.

REMARKS

Claims

Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Assuming entry of the amendments, the status of the claims is as follows:

Amended:	27, 38, 43 and 44
Cancelled:	None
New:	None
Pending:	27, 29, 32, 34, 35, 38, 43 and 44
Allowed:	None

Claim 27, 38, 43, and 44 have been amended. Support for these Amendments is apparent. Thus, no new matter is added.

Objections to the Specification

The specification was objected to for not containing a reference to the prior application as set forth in 37 CFR 1.62. Applicants have amended the specification to include a statement